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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

A Method and Apparatus for Molding an Upper and a Lower Mold Having
No Flask, and a Method for Replacing a Match Plate Used Therefor

the specification of which

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☒ was filed on December 17, 2004 as United States Application Serial No. _____ and/or
was amended on _____ as PCT International Application No. PCT/JP2004/018887
(if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or § 365(a) of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT International application(s) having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed:

Country	Application Number	Date of Filing	Priority Claimed Under 35 U.S.C. 119	
Japan	2003-420266	December 18, 2003	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
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